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1. CONGRESSES DESCRIBED REFTEL APPEAR TO BE PRIVATELY ORGANIZED EXPERTS MEETINGS. DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES HAS NO RECORD OF ANY OFFICIAL USG DELEGATION BEING ACCREDITED TO THE DECEMBER MEETINGS. F.D.A., WHICH WILL BE SENDING AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE, DR. E. J. MARTIN, IS SIMILARLY UNAWARE OF EXISTENCE OF ANY OFFICIAL US DELEGATION.

2. DR. MARTIN, WHO WILL CHAIR ONE OF THE SYMPOSIA AT THE CONFERENCE, IS FAMILIAR WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF PARASITOLOGISTS, WHICH HE DESCRIBES AS A SERIOUS ORGANIZATION. HE BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL BE THE FEDERATION'S FOURTH MEETING. DR. MARTIN IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE HAS NO FUNDS AND THAT THE INSTITUTIONS OR COMPANIES FROM WHICH PARTICIPANTS WORK WILL BE ASKED TO FUND INDIVIDUALS AND PER DIEM.

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3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH AMBASSADOR THAT REPRESENTATION

COSTS ARE NOT RESPONSIBILITY OF EMBASSY. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS HAVE NOT PROVIDED FOR THESE COSTS THROUGH NORMAL MEANS OF INCLUDING IN REGISTRATION FEES OR ASSESSING COMMITTEES. BASED ON HIS EXPERIENCE AT OTHER CONFERENCES, DR. MARTIN SUGGESTS THAT COMMITTEE ORGANIZERS CONSIDER APPROACHING PRIVATE FIRMS IN THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, PHARMACEUTICAL, AND PUBLISHING FIELDS WHICH MAY BE INTERESTED IN DONATING FUNDS IN EXCHANGE FOR PUBLICITY. AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THIS APPROACH. ROBINSON

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